

House Bill 1625

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Watson of the 91st, Gardner of the 57th, Hugley of the 133rd, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 8 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the State Board of Education under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"
3 so as to require the State Board of Education to annually notify secondary students and their
4 parents of their right under federal law to opt out of providing student information for
5 purposes of military recruitment; to provide for a short title; to provide legislative findings;
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Parents' Right to Know Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 The General Assembly finds:

- 12 (1) The U.S. Armed Forces are made up entirely of volunteers;
- 13 (2) In order to recruit new volunteers, the military relies heavily on access to student
14 information through our schools;
- 15 (3) Federal law allows the release of certain student information for purposes of military
16 recruitment under certain conditions;
- 17 (4) Federal law also requires that parents and students 18 years of age or older be given
18 the opportunity to withhold student information from military recruiters;
- 19 (5) Federal law requires local that school systems provide notice to parents and students
20 of their right to opt out; and
- 21 (6) Parents do not always receive such notice.

SECTION 3.

Part 8 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Board of Education under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-245.

The State Board of Education shall provide annual notice to all public secondary school students and their parents or legal guardians of their right under Section 9528 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P. L. 107-110) to request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released for purposes of military recruitment without prior written consent."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.